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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

Sir:

These amendments and remarks are responsive to the Final Office Action dated March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004. This response is timely filed as it is being submitted together with a two-month Petition for Extension of Time and a Request for Continued Examination.

**Written Request Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3):**

Please accept this authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time for its timely submission as though the reply incorporates a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 12.